

Address Service Requested

September 11, 2016

ELDERS

John Dollison
Kurt Harrison
Roger Rush

DEACONS

Tom Eddy Tim Gerber
Paul Hickman Paul Jacoby
Tim Loughry Keith Ware

MINISTER

Roger Rush

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Harry Ogletree

HEATHEN WITCH DOCTORS

There’s an old story which goes something like this. A young preacher in Kentucky wanted to make a good first impression on his congregation so he preached a fiery sermon against horse racing. After the sermon one of the deacons took him aside and reminded him that he was in horse country, and that many members enjoyed horse racing.

The next Sunday he preached a powerful sermon against smoking. The same deacon approached him once more. This time he reminded the preacher that tobacco was a major cash crop in that area, and that much of his salary was derived from tobacco money.

The following Sunday the preacher spoke out strongly against alcohol. Once more the deacon reminded him that the church building sat in the shadow of a distillery, and that many of the church members worked in the distillery.

Frustrated, the preacher demanded, “What can I preach on?” The deacon responded, “Why not preach against heathen witch doctors? There isn’t one of them in a thousand miles of here!”

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SCHEDULE

September 18 , 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joe Crone

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Tim Loughry

Todd Hague

PM: Brad Forshey

Russ Schramm

PRAYER

AM: Randy Feisley

Close—John Dollison

PM: Earl Schramm

Close: Darrell Hague

9/21—Les Mills

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Tyson Brewer

PM: Kurt Harrison

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells

PM: Tim Wells

Wed. 9/21—Colton Eddy

STATISTICS—September 4

Sunday Bible Class..... 102

Morning Worship..... 208

Evening Worship..... 92

Wednesday Classes..... 91

Contribution..... 4,550

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PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK — Applesauce

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: My Whole Duty

Reading: Ecc. 12:9-14

PM: Nehemiah—God's Leader

Reading: Neh. 4:1-6

PROGRAMS

WJAW FM 100.9—Sunday 8:30 a.m.

WJAW AM 630—Sunday 9:00 a.m.

WMOA AM 1490—Sunday 11:00 a.m.

SEARCH—WTAP—Sunday 7:30 a.m.

SICK

Memorial: **Don Otto**

Kenneth Nolan is scheduled to have outpatient surgery September 19 in Columbus.

Kenny Born was in the hospital last week and is now at home.

PRAYER LIST

Lawrence Johnson

Julie Joy (friend of **Kristy Smith**)

Cashton Keeney (**Carla Baldwin's** great nephew)

Added to prayer list: **Paul Miller** is scheduled to have surgery September 12 at Camden Clark Hospital.

PANTRY

Thirteen families received food from our pantry last month.

Pantry time of the week: Applesauce

ARBORS

Please note on your calendar that we are hosting services at the Arbors on Sunday, September 18, at 2:00 p.m.

HOW TO AVOID THE SUNDAY MORNING RUSH!

The Sunday Morning rush can be enough to make study and worship a very difficult thing. We can get so upset by the rush and being late that we require half of the Bible class or half of the worship hour just to settle ourselves down enough to listen.

Jim Rosenbaum from Little Rock, Arkansas, has made eight suggestions that will help with those very hectic Sunday mornings. Some of them will help with Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings too.

1. Have everyone's wardrobe ready and laid out on Saturday night—that includes shoes, socks, and accessories.
2. Set the breakfast table on Saturday night.
3. Try a breakfast menu that's quicker than many traditional items like bacon and eggs.
4. Go to bed thirty minutes earlier than normal on Saturday night.
5. Get up fifteen minutes earlier on Sunday morning.
6. Give a five minute "warning" before it's time to be in the car.
7. Gather up Bibles, teaching material, Sunday school books, etc. and place them near the door on Saturday night.
8. Plan to arrive ten minutes earlier at the building. If you are early, you can have some time together in the car, a short family prayer, or you can go inside and enjoy visiting with your church family.

A family should be working together for the good of each member, helping each other to prepare for worship services. Are you carrying your share of responsibilities so that all may attend worship with the proper spirit and attitude?

Let's make the most of our time together on Sunday. Preparation will help us to be better organized with improved attitudes and in the proper frame of mind to worship our Father in heaven.

— Author unknown

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I'm afraid that many preachers today would commend that deacon for his keen insights and astute advice. After all, preaching ought to make people feel good. No one should be made to feel guilty. Sin need not be exposed. Everything is relative anyway. What may be one man's vice is another's virtue. That may be a fair assessment of modern preaching, but it is certainly not an accurate picture of New Testament preaching.

Paul charged Timothy: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2). When Paul preached to Felix and Drusilla, he spoke of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come (Acts 24:25). Felix trembled at such preaching! Preaching was not intended to satisfy the wants of people, but rather to address their needs!

We don't need preaching against heathen witch doctors, but we do need preaching against the sins that daily confront us. We need more sermons on gambling, smoking, drunkenness, adultery, fornication, homosexuality, greed, gossip, lying, and covetousness. And this is just the tip of the iceberg, so to speak. Too many preachers are preaching against witch doctors, when they ought to be dealing with the sins that plague us daily!

Have you heard a powerful sermon lately, or are you confronted with weekly messages designed to appeal to everyone and alienate no one (except maybe witch doctors)? Powerful preaching confronts sin and calls sinners to repentance. We need more powerful preaching!

---Roger

WIDOWS & WIDOWS DINNER

The widows and widowers dinner is scheduled for Saturday, September 17. Please see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the foyer for helpers and attendees. Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m.

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

God willing, **Les Mills** will have our devotional this Wednesday evening, and **John Forshey** is scheduled for the 21st.

I hope you enjoyed the start of our new study on ancient geography and modern history, and that you will make a special effort to be here each week. We are looking at current events in the context of the history and geography of the Middle East.

God willing, next Sunday I will be with the church in Spencer, WV for a gospel meeting. **Harry Ogletree** will speak at our morning and evening assemblies next Sunday, **Kurt Harrison** will teach my Sunday morning class, and **Tim Loughry** will teach my Wednesday evening class. My thanks to each of these men for their willingness to fill in for me!

As you know, the Sternwheel Festival is this weekend. We usually have a number of visitors with us today. Please make a special effort to welcome them and make them feel at home.

Ladies, our *Thursday Ladies Class* will resume the first Thursday in October. We meet in the multipurpose room from 10:00 to 11:00 each Thursday morning. If you can work it into your schedule, we would be delighted to have you join us for our study. Remember, during the winter months you should call CARE LINE to make sure class will meet. In the event of ice or snow, class will be cancelled. We do not want to run the risk of someone slipping and falling due to dangerous weather conditions.

I hope you have an enjoyable afternoon, and that you will be able to return for our evening assembly at 6:30.

BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

Who did God send to tell of the coming of Jesus?

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| 1. Matthew | 2. Paul |
| 3. Peter | 4. John |

Answer next week